

Ad Hoc Committee on Best Practices in Northampton Decision-Making
Post-Public Forum Working Group Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2008
9:00 AM City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton

Present:

Lisa DePiano, Wendy Foxmynn, Alex Ghiselin, David Narkewicz, Jesus Levya, Mary Kasper, Adam Cohen, and Jason Heffner.

All of the newsprint from the public forum was spread around the Council Chambers to allow the working group to view it again. A discussion ensued around how best to compile/capture the information gathered.

Jason Heffner, who facilitated the forum, distributed a development worksheet as a potential tool for synthesizing and analyzing the raw ideas and comments that were collected on the newsprint.

David Narkewicz agreed to photograph each panel of newsprint and post them on the website. Alex Ghiselin volunteered to try and transcribe each of the panels so that they could be easily read and studied by Committee members and the public. Wendy and David volunteered to take panels and help with the transcription process.

There was discussion of a range of issues from specific feedback on how the forum went to some of the specific issues (hotel, landfill, Meadows Plan, etc.) and themes that came out of the forum.

Summary: the working group would distill the information into readable format and create together with an evaluation of the forum and bring it to the June 4th meeting with the recommendation that the Committee work collaboratively to distill the major themes of the public forum.